

House Resolution 732

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Reece of the 11th, Crawford of the 127th, and Royal of the 171st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Frank Fitch, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Frank
3 Fitch, Jr., on November 14, 2006; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Frank Fitch was born on July 16, 1922, a native of Athens, Georgia, and he
5 attended school at North Georgia College and the University of Georgia and later obtained
6 his master's degree at Texas A & M; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Frank Fitch was a true American hero and proudly served his country as a first
8 lieutenant in the Marine Corps during World War II where he was wounded in the Battle of
9 Iwo Jima; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he went on to work with the Extension Service as a Wildlife Specialist in
11 Athens and at Auburn University until 1954 when he became the Wildlife Biologist at Rock
12 Eagle 4-H Center, responsible for the management of natural resources; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered by the many young people who experienced
14 wildlife for the first time at Rock Eagle for his dedication to the 4-H center and for his work
15 with the summer camp where he became known as "Doc Fitch" by the summer camp
16 counselors and his many friends; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Doc Fitch greatly influenced the environmental education program, and the
18 Frank Fitch Pioneer Camp at Rock Eagle stands as a legacy to the programs he initiated; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Frank Fitch was an honorable gentleman, a true scholar, a real friend, a valiant
20 champion for youth, and a great lover of nature, and he will be sorely missed by all those
21 who knew him.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in honoring the life of Frank Fitch, Jr., remembering him for
3 the many contributions he made to the citizens of this state, and expressing their sorrow at
4 his passing.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Frank Fitch,
7 Jr.